Church of the *Ascension*
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All Saints' Sunday
November 1, 2026 8:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. William Pugliese

☩ *Please stand as you are able.*

Organ Prelude

☩ **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

☩**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

☩**Hymn of Praise**

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

☩**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.
O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

☩The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ**.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. William Pugliese

☩The Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers; especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Carrie, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.
We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land; especially Donald, our president, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Naomi, Marion, Lianne, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Sean, Heather, Jackie, Erin, Bob, Karen, Scott, Barry, Chris, Debbie, Jordan, Reed, Diane, Carolyn, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**.

Celebrant: We give thanks for the whole company of thy saints in glory, with whom we join our prayers and praises. I bid your prayers for the saints of our families, whose names are listed in our bulletin, and for all whom we love but no longer see. Let us take a moment of silence to present them to the Lord in the secret of our hearts. *(Silence)*

Grant to them eternal rest. **And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God..

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any person sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Stewardship Message Melissa Leahy

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Celebration of the Holy Communion

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Music

✟The Presentation

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord;
People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: **Have mercy upon us.**

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People: **Grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion as the spirit moves you. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion kneeling or standing at the Communion Rail. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer: Let us pray. **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

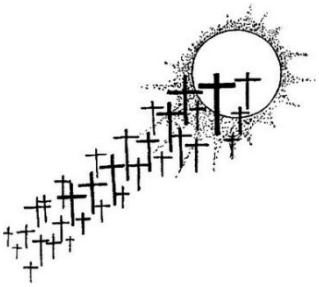
The Blessing

The Dismissal:

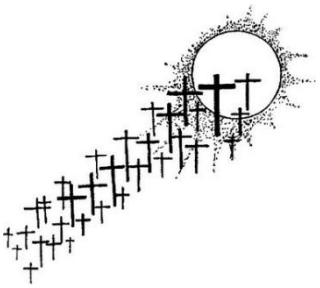
Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

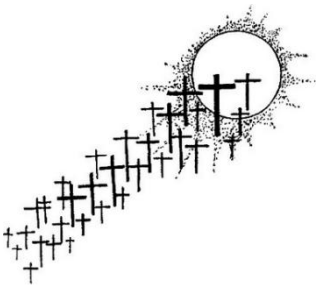
Organ Postlude



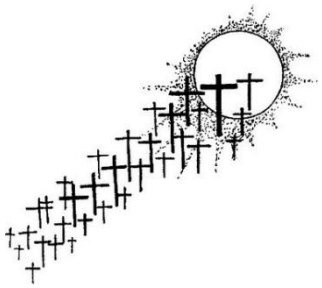
Our Saints	Remembered By
Christopher Anderson Dale Anderson Jarrod Brandes Sallie Eckert Philip Eckert Phil Eckert, Jr. Loretta Eckert	David and Ellen Anderson
Vincent and Helen Arena Joseph and Susan Pellegrini Charles Bowers Carl Hauck	Anne Arena
Donald Hugh Feemster, Jr. HarryPaul and Gretta Ferree Bair Irene Ivy Tomms	Roger and Donna Bair
Brenda Jeffries Kathy Sullivan William Redmon Karen Ziegler	Debbie Bargar
The deceased members of the Allen, Battles and Nickolas families	The Battles/Nickolas family



Our Saints	Remembered By
Robert G. Berg Charles and Helen Roman Albert and Margaret Berg	Mary Lou Berg
Mary and Robert Anthony Hazel and Melvin Anthony Margaret and John Kammer, Sr. John Kammer, Jr. Joseph Anderson	Mary Butler
Theodore and Elizabeth Stewart Jim Parker John, Lois and Brian Considine	Susan Considine
Charlotte Curry James, Wayne and Steve Curry Anne Curry Jean and Charles Buchman	Mark Curry
Peter Detorie Donald Marston Charles and Margaret Bornman Marvin Bornman May Bornman Damien Marston James and Sandy Goff	Doris Detorie
Harold and Geneva McGraw Edward C. Hull III	Kat Dittrich
Maggie Jackson Ed and Betty Elder Robert Korrell	Jim and Ann Fariss
John, Audrey and James Rooney	Roberta Gore
Ruth Wett Nancy and Robert Griesmyer	Karen and Robert Griesmyer
Deb Reichart	Jeanne and Gene Hartman
Mike Herbert Phyllis and Milton Fadely	Peggy Herbert
Adrian (Bud) Herring Jenny Beeker	Anne Herring



Our Saints	Remembered By
Dr. and Mrs. C. Douglass Hobart	Don and Janice Hobart
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Evangelista	
Lt. Gen. Otto J. Guenther	
Dolores “Dolly” Snyder	
Helen Holub	John Holbert
Matthew Holub	
Patricia Holbert	
Robert Holbert	
Laura Holbert	
Jesse Holbert	
Jack Liggon	Merri and Stan Hollinger
Franne Liggon	
David Mathias	
Polly and Guy Kreider	David and JoAnne Kreider
Carmela and Anthony Santucci	
Bruce Kreider	
Stan Dent	
Charlie Wallace	
Tony Richardson	
John C. Eichler	Bryan and Karen Lance
Mary A. Hughes	
Edwina Spittel	
Nelson and Esther Jones	Gary and Helen Lang
Noëlle Floreen	
Ken Leahy	Melissa Leahy
Joyce and Frank Leahy	
Jenny Beeker	
Effie Breskow	
Bob and Mary Linard	Debbie and Greg Linard
Jim and Caroline Billingslea	
Mark and Connie Keller	
Rev. Arthur Lyon-Vaiden	Buck and Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
Evelyn Lyon-Vaiden	
Carl Davis	
Peggy Davis	
Ernie Mauritz	Linda Mauritz
Joann Fagg	
Ruby Timanus	



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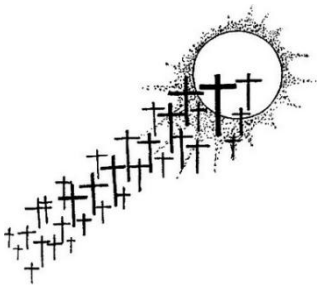
Chlöe McIntyre	Diane and Kevin McIntyre
William and Anne Pugliese	Bill+ and Arlena Pugliese
Larry and Gladys Ingraham	
The Rev. Robert Grumbine	Wilson Ramsey
Richard P. Reese	Cathy Reese
Melanie C. Turnbaugh	
Charles and Mary Richardson	
Karl and Anne Kistler	Betsy Reinders
Arlene Bower	
William McClung	
Joseph and Jeanette Schwartz	Tom, Sharon, Jim
Russell and Jackie Doten	and Ashley Schwartz
Joseph Schwartz	
Nancy Doten	
Carole Patton	
Henry Davidson Shirley and	Pat Shirley
Patricia Shirley	
Elizabeth Shirley and	
Joseph Shirley, Jr.	
Mary Jo Cornes	Kim Tompkins
The Rev. Mark B. Howard	
Margaret Howard	
Joy Badger	
Joyce Chomko	
Joyce Brown	
Donna Hansen	
Jenny Beeker	
Roscoe and Frances Binegar	Steve and Deb Vana
Traci Binegar Bieler	
Caroline Addlesburger	
George and Melania Vana	
Carl and Cynthia Frock	Frank and Cheryl Vecera
Carl Frock III	
Christopher Frock	
Steve and Pat Nevada	
Richard W. Cole	Kate Warner
Richard F. Cole	



Our Saints	Remembered By
Thomas S. Weiss	Pat Weiss
Eleanora Hunt	
Mary J. Mills	
John and Elsie Weiss	
Emilie and Herman Spencer	Sandy White
Frank and Mabel Skirven	
Florence Masland	
Jenny Beeker	

Let us become saints so that after having been together on earth, we may be together in Heaven.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Worship Assistants	November 1	November 8
Organist	Mary Butler	
Usher	Cheryl Vecera	*1 needed*
Lector	Angela Chmar	Roberta Wilhelm
Acolyte	Jennie Grabill	*1 needed*

November Altar Guild: Janice Hobart, Jill Horn, Emelia Howe, Deb Vana

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Don and Janice Hobart, for family blessings: For the marriage of their grandson and the anniversary of their granddaughter and her husband.

Attendance October 25

8:00 am - 26 **10:15 am In-person –** 55 **YouTube** - 3 **Facebook –** 6 **Total**: **90**

Readings for Next Sunday: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20 Psalm 119 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13